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difference of less than 15% compared with test specimens produced in the same way but not exposed to the acid/surfactant solution.

20. The polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 19, wherein the relative change in weight of the test specimens made from components A to D is one third or less of the relative change in weight determined on test specimens made from 100% by weight of component A.
21. The polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 11, wherein said polyalkylene glycol is polyethylene glycol.
22. The polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 11, wherein said polyalkylene glycol is polypropylene glycol.
23. The polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 11, wherein said at least one polyoxymethylene homo- or copolymer is a homopolymer of formaldehyde or or trioxane.
24. A molding for use in contact with aggressive acids or with aggressive acid-containing cleaning agents which is made from the polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 11.
25. The molding as claimed in claim 25, wherein the molding is used in the sanitary sector or the white goods sector.
26. A method for improving the acid resistance of the polyoxymethylene homo- or copolymer which comprises making the polyoxymethylene as claimed in claim 11, by mixing components A-D together to form a mixture and then melting said mixture. --

### REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. The applicants have rewritten the claims in the proper U.S. form. Additional support for the claims can be found in the preferable language from page 4 of the specification. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

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